

House Resolution No. 55

Whereas, it is with genuine pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize a former colleague whose time in public service has come to an end; and

Whereas, Jerry R. King of Butler attained considerable distinction as the State Representative from the 125th District which encompasses Vernon County and a part of Bates County; and

Whereas, first elected to state office in 1998, Representative Jerry King brought his legislative duties and responsibilities to a close on December 31, 2004, in order to shift the focus of his time and energy to other activities; and

Whereas, since 1957 Jerry King has operated a dairy farm with his brother-in-law, Ed Steele, and in 1980 his son, Rick King, joined the family business after graduating from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Master's degree in dairy science; and

Whereas, Jerry King is a member of the board of directors and past chairman for the Dairy Farmers of America, Central Council, Division 3; member of the Missouri State Fair advisory committee, Kansas City Area Dairy Council executive committee, United Dairy Association corporate board, and Dairy Farmers of America corporate board; and former member of the Mid-America Dairyman's board of directors and the University of Missouri Agriculture Alumni board of directors; and

Whereas, a national and international judge for agricultural competitions, Jerry King is the recipient of a UMC Alumni Citation of Merit, a Missouri State Fair Dairy Show Family Recognition award, Man of the Year recognition by the Butler Chamber of Commerce, a Missouri Chamber of Commerce Appreciation award, and the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors Man of the Year recognition and Master Breeder award; and

Whereas, Jerry King was born on January 7, 1935; graduated from Adrian High School in 1953; earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1957; and married his beloved Jeanette in a union which has been richly blessed by three children and five grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the community-minded spirit and public service endeavors embodied in the life and work of Jerry King and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he returns to private life to continue operating his family's dairy farm; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jerry R. King of Butler, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 55, adopted January 11, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker